IN THE HIGH COURT OFJUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.1999/06

Madhuben Devshibhai Jobanputra.. Petitioner
vs

Mr.R.R.Borde, Emigration Officer,
Chhatrapati Shivaji Inter.Airport& ors.Respondents

Ms.P.G.Bhatia,Advocate for Petitioner

Mr.D.S.Mhaispurkar, A.P.P. for Respondents

CORAM : J.N.PATEL AND SMT R.S.DALVI,JJ

DATE: 20th October, 2006

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1. Rule returnable forthwith.

2. The petitioner, who holds an Indian Passport bearing No. B-2490174 dated 23rd September, 2000 has challenged the F.I.R. Filed by the 1st respondent with regard to certain alterations made in her passport. After examining the original passport, we prima facie found certain alterations made in the U.K.visa of the petitioner, Exhibit A to the petition. We thought it fit to ask for certain clarifications from the authority issuing the visa being the British Deputy

High Commission. We have since received a communication from the British Deputy High Commission, Mumbai affirming their earlier communication confirming that the said visa sticker was genuine.

3. We, therefore find no reason to have the petitioner's passporot impounded bythe respondent no. 1. We also do not find anyreason for the respodnents toprosecute thepetitionker's case anyfurther.

4. Consequently, we quash the F.I,.R. Dated 19th April, 2006 Exhibit C to the petition. We accordingly, direct the State to hand over the passport and other documents to the petitioner.

5. Rule is made absolute accordingly.

(Smt Roshan Dalvi, J) **(J.N.Patel, J)**